

## **CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for assisting object organization comprising:

initializing a plurality of attribute-specific lists, each list having a defined association with a different controlling attribute and having a plurality of entries corresponding to selectable actions to be performed on an object having the associated controlling attribute, the selectable actions ordered from a most recently performed action to a least recently performed action with respect to an object having the associated controlling attribute;

invoking a first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists via a first object having a first controlling attribute, the first attribute-specific list associated with the first controlling attribute;

selecting an action from the first attribute-specific list to be performed on the first object;

reordering the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists in accordance with the selected action, the reordering of the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists performed independently of the remaining attribute-specific lists;

integrating a general list with the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists to define an integrated list, the general list having a plurality of entries and further not being associated with the controlling attribute of the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists, with the integrated list being sorted by a criterion such that the general list is not appended to the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists;

invoking a second of the plurality of attribute-specific lists via a second object having a second controlling attribute, the second attribute-specific list associated with the second controlling attribute;

selecting an action from the second attribute-specific list to be performed on the second objection;

reordering the second of the plurality of attribute-specific lists in accordance with the selected action, the reordering of the second of the plurality of attribute-specific lists performed independently of the remaining attribute-specific lists;

invoking the reordered first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists via a third object having the first controlling attribute; and

invoking the reordered second of the plurality of attribute specific lists via a fourth object having the second controlling attribute.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the first, second, third, and fourth objects corresponds to an email.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the controlling attribute of each of the first, second, third, and fourth objects corresponds to a sender of the email.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the first, second, third, and fourth objects corresponds to a file.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the controlling attribute of each of the first, second, third, and fourth objects corresponds to a creator of the file.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the action is movement to a folder.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the action is setting an object property.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sort criterion is how recently the listed alternatives have been performed.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by execution of a computer program by a processor from a computer-readable medium.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for dynamically maintaining and displaying attribute-specific lists comprising:

initializing a set of attribute-specific lists, each attribute-specific list having a defined association with an object attribute and listing selectable actions to be performed on an object having the associated object attribute, wherein the controlling attribute is based on [[the]] a creator of the object;

updating a first of the attribute-specific lists based on an action performed on an object containing the attribute associated with the first of the attribute-specific lists, the update performed independently of the remaining lists in the set of attribute-specific lists; [[and]]

displaying the updated attribute-specific list via a disparate object containing the same attribute; and

integrating a general list with the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists to define an integrated list, the general list having a plurality of entries and further not being associated with the controlling attribute of the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists, with entries of the integrated list being sorted by a criterion other than a source of the entries.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, the selectable actions listed in the attribute-specific list comprising folders.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, the attribute-specific lists initialized to be empty.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, the object attributes comprising types of computer files.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, the set of attribute-specific lists initialized based on a controlling attribute.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the controlling attribute is based on at least the recipient of the object.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising sorting the attribute-specific lists based on at least one sort criterion.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, the sort criterion corresponds to a level of priority.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, the sort criterion corresponds to a time at which the object having the associated attribute was subject to the action.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, the sort criterion corresponds to a frequency to which the object having the associated attribute is subject to the action.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising appending additional selectable actions to an existing attribute-specific list.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, the action corresponds to movement of at least one object between attribute-specific lists.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, the object corresponds to email.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the action corresponds to setting a property on at least one object.

27. (Currently Amended) A system comprising computer-executable instructions embodied on a computer-readable storage medium that when executed on one or more processors facilitate dynamic object organization, comprising:

an initializing component that initializes a plurality of attribute-specific lists, each attribute-specific list having a defined association with one or more controlling attributes, the one or more controlling attributes based at least on a creator of the object;

an updating component that reorders a first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists based on a function performed on a first object having the associated one or more controlling attributes; ~~and~~

a display component that displays the reordered first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists via a second object containing the same one or more controlling attributes;  
and

an integrating component that integrates a general list with the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists to define an integrated list, the general list having a plurality of entries and further not being associated with the controlling attribute of the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists, with entries of the integrated list being sorted by a criterion other than a source of the entries.

28. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, entries in each of the plurality of attribute-specific lists comprise folders.

29. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, the plurality of attribute-specific lists initialized to be empty.

30. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, the one or more controlling attributes comprising types of computer files.

31. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, the first and second objects comprising email.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, the one or more controlling attributes based on at least the recipient of the object.

34. (Original) The system claim of 27, further comprising a sorting component.

35. (Original) The system claim of 34, the sorting component utilizing one or more sort criteria.

36. (Original) The system claim of 35, the one or more sort criteria based at least on a level of priority.

37. (Original) The system claim of 35, the one or more sort criteria based at least on the time at which the object was subject to the function.

38. (Original) The system claim of 35, the one or more sort criteria based at least on the frequency to which the object was subject to the function.



39. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, further comprising an appending component to append one or more additional entries to the plurality of attribute-specific lists.

40. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 39, the appending component utilizing the one or more controlling attributes to append the one or more additional entries to the plurality of attribute-specific lists.

41. (Previously Presented) The system claim of 27, the function being movement of at least one object to a selected location.

42. (Original) The system claim of 27, the function being setting at least one property on the object.

43. (Currently Amended) A system comprising computer-executable instructions embodied on a computer-readable storage medium that when executed on one or more processors aid dynamic object organization, comprising:

means for initializing a set of attribute-specific lists based on at least one controlling attribute, the one or more attribute-specific lists orderable based on one or more ordering criteria, each attribute-specific list having a defined association with a different controlling attribute and comprising attribute-specific entries representing actions that have recently been performed on objects having the associated attribute;

means for updating a first of the attribute-specific lists based on an action performed on an object having the controlling attribute associated with the first attribute-specific list;

means for reordering the first of the attribute-specific lists based on the one or more ordering criteria, the ordering criteria is a function of the performed action;

~~means for appending one or more non-attribute specific entries to the attribute-specific entries in the first of the attribute-specific lists, the non-attribute-specific entries representing non-attribute-specific actions that have been performed on objects; and~~

means for integrating a general list with the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists to define an integrated list, the general list having a plurality of entries and further not being associated with the controlling attribute of the first of the plurality of attribute-specific lists, with entries of the integrated list being sorted by a criterion other than a source of the entries

means for subsequently displaying the ~~updated, reordered, and appended first of the attribute-specific lists~~ integrated list via a second object having the same controlling attribute.

44. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the criterion is time based.